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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI

SUBJECT : Taiwan ~~File~~

Gordon Gray said he wants to raise this briefly today, probably as second of proposed discussion papers for Council. He will probably ask you for a brief rundown on current buildup and Chiang's reaction. Urge you read:

(a) DCI's briefing note last Thursday (attached)

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Nobody thinks Chicoms planning direct attack on Taiwan or offshores. Views on buildup range from:

- (a) defensive reaction to Chiang's needling--buildup did begin before K-M meeting; to
- (b) Chicom desire create diversionary tensions in FE while ME crisis is on.

Third possibility (see Drumright's views attached) is Chicoms want to and can seize control of air over Straits, interdict supply routes to offshores and squeeze islands out without ever landing and giving us good excuse to act. As you know, ONE has thought this a good possibility for a long time.

But, however interesting the short run, shouldn't focus of ~~any~~ PB paper be on long term viability of our position and how we get off the hook?

But K
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